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The Microsoft Settlement is not satisfactory.

In particular, all organizations and people are entitled to full use of the documentation of Microsoft Protocols and APIs (Application Programming Interfaces). In particular, makers and programmers of Free Software and Open Source Software MUST be permitted this access.

The Free Software and Open Source software movements are Microsoft's most significant competitors in several fields. If Microsoft is allowed to exclude them from the use of their protocols, as allowed in Section III(J)(2) and Section III(D), it leaves them an open field with no competition. Section III(J)(2) is particularly offensive, as it allows Microsoft to choose who it will share information with. This is WRONG. Microsoft should have no say in the matter at all. They have committed multiple felonies.

The details of Microsoft protocols and APIs should be publicly available, free of all charges and free of all limitations on use.

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